

# EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Education Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

## MEETING MINUTES

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### Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Cicero, 6:03 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger, Theresa Donovan, Paul McFadden, Claudine Pande

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, Student Representative Abigail Borges, (left meeting at 6:31 p.m.)

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**

### IV. **Presentations**

#### A. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Abigail Borges offered a brief listing of senior high school events.

### V. **Routine Items** **Consent Agenda**

- A. **Approval of Minutes – (ENCLOSED) – Joint Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2014; (~~Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2014- PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA~~); Executive Session Minutes of February 11, 2014**

#### B. **Personnel Items**

- 1. **Appointments**
- 2. **Leaves of Absence**
- 3. **Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
  - a. **Letter from Timothy McArdle resigning his position as 1.0 FTE Senior High Guidance Counselor, for the**

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MSV = Motion, Seconded, Vote

**purpose of retirement, effective at the end of the 2013 – 2014 school year**

- b. Letter from Michelle Pratt resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Senior High Foreign Language Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective at or by the end of the 2013 – 2014 school year**
- c. Letter from Anne Arvidson resigning her position as 1.0 FTE Senior High English Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, on or before September 23, 2104**
- d. Letter from Craig Main resigning his position as .5 Junior High School Track Coach, effective February 10, 2014**

**4. Non-Renewals**

**5. Recalls**

**6. Sabbaticals**

**7. Contracts**

**C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$186,798.50**

**D. Home School Approvals**

**End Consent Agenda**

Member McFadden requested to pull the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2014 from the consent agenda.

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda, minus the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2014 –Zuercher/Pande – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**E. Correspondence – (1) EWG Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2014; (2) January 6, 2014 Communication from RI Department of Transportation to Principal Susan Chandler regarding *School Zone Signs on Route 3***

## **VI. New Business**

**A. Approve Italian Foreign Exchange Program Proposal**

*Item tabled pending additional information*

Student Representative Borges left the meeting, (6:31 p.m.)

**B. Approve Teacher Job Description**

MSV – To approve the Certified Teacher job description –  
Pande/Kissinger – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**C. 2014 – 2015 Final Budget Adoption**

MSV – To approve the superintendent's recommended budget for the 2014-2015 Budget in the amount of \$30,494,373 – Pande/Donovan  
– (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**D. Approve 2014 – 2015 School Calendar**

MSV – To approve the 2014 – 2015 Calendar – Pande/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**E. 2013 – 2014 School Calendar Revision**

MSV – To accept the revised 2013 – 2014 Calendar – Rafanelli/Pande – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Grade 12 NECAP Retake Results – Update**

**B. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion**

**1. 7603.1 – Waiver for the State Assessment Graduation Requirement – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption**

MSV – To approve policy 7603.1 – Pande/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**2. 8810 – Detecting and Reporting Suspected Child Abuse – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption**

MSV – To approve policy 8810 – Pande/Zuercher – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**3. 9690 – Access to School Facilities – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption**

MSV – To approve policy 9690 – Pande/Donovan – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

**C. Late Bus Extension**

MSV – To approve the recommended late bus continuance – McFadden/Kissinger – (6-1) – (Pande dissented) – MOTION APPROVED

The committee agreed this item would come back to a meeting agenda for reassessment no later than the end of October 2014. Superintendent Erinakes said he would provide the committee with an end of the year report.

**VIII. Reports/Comments**

*Returned to items pulled from the Consent Agenda by Member McFadden*

Chair Cicero responded to Member McFadden's inquiry about the disclosure of the vote taken on July 11, 2013.

MSV – To accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2014 – Zuercher/Pande – (5-0-1) – (Rafanelli abstained), (McFadden dissented) – MOTION APPROVED

The following item was approved:

**V. Routine Items**

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting Minutes of  
February 11, 2014**

Chair Cicero reminded all members to review the Open Meetings Act and things that violate the Act.

**IX. Important Dates and Meetings -Monday, March 10, 2014-Deadline for Motions to Change the Budget by more than \$10,000; Tuesday, March 11, 2014-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, March 25, 2014-School Committee Meeting-*Metcalf School Presentation*; Monday, March 31, 2014-Public Hearing**

**X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5**

A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)

B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation - Legal Advice

C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

None

**XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session**

N/A

**XII. Adjournment**

MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Pande – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 7:38PM

**ROBIN CERIO  
RECORDING SECRETARY**